



Goodbye Lisbon, Hello London

The closing of a record-high edition gives a first glimpse into the next EAACI Annual Congress 2020

Over 8600 clinicians, researchers and allied health professionals gathered in Lisbon from 1st -5th of June for a record-breaking edition of the European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology Annual Congress 2019. Allergic diseases are a multi-faceted field, and under this year's theme of Precision Medicine, an equally varied scientific programme presented the newest data and developments, with informational, interactive and top-quality talks by a large number of international experts.

The scenic venue by the Tagus River buzzed all week long with the highest number of participants in EAACI Congress history. Since its establishment, the EAACI Congress acts as a melting pot and a multidisciplinary forum for experts to discuss and cover key topics and the newest developments.

Amongst the Congress highlights was the launch of the EAACI Global Atlas of Skin, a new book which will empower clinicians to diagnose and treat skin allergic patients according to the best standards. Other key highpoints included sessions on epigenetics: the new frontier in asthma; breakthrough results in patient quality of life after treatment with peanut oral immunotherapy; the discovery that *Staphylococcus Aureus* is an important risk factor contributing to food allergy in children with atopic dermatitis; the role of environmental factors in exacerbating allergic diseases; and innovative management strategies.

These thrilling days also saw Professor Marek Jutel from the Wroclaw Medical University being inaugurated as the new President of EAACI, who will serve for a term of two years.

With the close of a very successful edition, it is already time to look forward to the upcoming EAACI Annual Congress, which will be held in London, United Kingdom from 6th to 10th of June 2020.

At the 2019 closing ceremony, the EAACI flag was passed from the Lisbon Local Organising Chair Luis Delgado, University of Porto, to the London 2020 Chair: Mohamed Shamji, Imperial College London and his Co-Chair Helen Brough, Evelina London, Guy's and St. Thomas' Hospital. Together with their other Co-Chairs Liam O'Mahony, University College Cork and Shuaib Nasser, Cambridge University Hospitals, the scientific programme committee and local organising committee will welcome participants with an inspiring new scientific programme centered on innovation, prevention and novel 21st century technologies including omics, big data, mHealth and artificial intelligence.

The EAACI Congress 2020 has the theme "Bridging Innovations into Allergy and Asthma Prevention" and will provide a unique opportunity to learn and foster new avenues in the field. The future requires tackling allergic diseases and asthma at their root, and these discoveries will be powerful tools to work towards prevention.



Left to right: Marek Jutel, EAACI President; Helen Brough, Evelina London, Guy's and St. Thomas' Hospital; Mohamed Shamji, Imperial College London; Luis Delgado, University of Porto